



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

November 20, 2003

D.T.E. 03-100

Petition of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00 et seq., for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of a new renewable power supply offering.

On October 16, 2003, Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric ("NSTAR" or the "Companies"), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00 et seq., filed for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a renewable power supply pro-forma tariff for NSTAR residential, small commercial and small industrial customers, the NSTAR Green Power Adjustment ("NSTAR Green"). The Companies state that NSTAR Green will allow customers to purchase an incremental 25 percent of a customer's total kilowatthour ("KWH") usage from a new renewable power source, as defined in the Massachusetts Renewable Portfolio Standards. 225 C.M.R. §§ 14.00 et seq. NSTAR proposes to solicit bids from wholesale suppliers to provide certificates from new renewable sources. The Companies propose to price NSTAR Green by adding a per KWH adjustment for the NSTAR Green service on the customer's underlying rate for standard offer or default generation service. If the Department approves NSTAR's power supply proposal, NSTAR Electric will file NSTAR Green tariffs with price references for the actual rates for this service, for approval by the Department.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Companies' filing at 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 11, 2003**, at the Department's offices - One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. Following the public hearing, the Department will conduct a procedural conference.

Any person who wishes to submit written comments may do so by filing an original and five (5) copies of such comments with: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, no later than the close of business **Thursday, December 18, 2003**.

Any person seeking to intervene in this investigation must file an original and five (5) copies of a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in this proceeding no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) **Thursday, December 4, 2003** with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition is timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written pleadings or comments must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and william.stevens@state.ma.us, or (2) on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption; (2) docket number; (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (4) a brief descriptive title or document (e.g., comments or petition to intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix) or in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the Companies' filing is on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 for public view during business hours. Copies of the filing are also on file for public view at NSTAR, 800 Boylston Street, 17th floor Boston, Massachusetts 02199. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact Robert Werlin, Esq., at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact William H. Stevens, Jr., Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3620.



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The Companies, Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric shall, no later than fourteen (14) days prior to December 11, 2003, give notice of said hearing by publication hereof in the Boston Globe or the Boston Herald. NSTAR Electric shall also serve a copy of the notice on the Chairmen, Board of Selectmen, Mayors, Town Clerks and City Clerks of the towns and cities in the Companies' service area, post a copy of the notice in each town or city hall in the Companies' service area until the comment period has expired, provide actual notice to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Companies, and provide a copy of this notice to the signatories to the joint memorandum submitted in Massachusetts Electric Company, D.T.E. 03-55 (2003), and the distribution list in Procurement of Default Service, D.T.E. 02-40-B (2003). The Companies shall make return of service and proof of publication at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY